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EL PASO MAN RECEIVES 10 YEARS ON GUN CHARGE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that yesterday United States District Judge Frank Montalvo sentenced forty-year old Luis Carlos Escajeda to 120 months in federal prison on federal charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The defendant pled guilty to the federal charges on August 9, 2007.

Escajeda had previously been convicted of voluntary manslaughter in 1987. Had this case gone to trial, the government was prepared to show that in April 2006, Escajeda was stopped just outside of a bar after having been ejected from the bar for being too intoxicated. When officers with the El Paso Police Department arrived and did a pat-down on the defendant, they found a firearm. The defendant made an admission that he was going back into the bar to kill everyone in the bar and would have killed the police officers as well if they had not stopped him.

Judge Montalvo made a finding that the defendant posed a serious danger to society as a habitual drug addict with a very violent past. This case was investigated by the El Paso Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Explosives and is being prosecuted for the government by Special Assistant United States Attorney Bill Hicks.

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